



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: John G. CARMAN

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Application No.: 10/772,243

Group Art Unit: 1638

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Examiner: Keith O'Neal Robinson

For: METHODS FOR STABILIZING AND
CONTROLLING APOMIXIS

New Attorney Doc. No.: 15740.005

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Commissioner for Patents

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed on March 22, 2006, Applicant submits a Request for Continued Examination and requests that the following amendments and comments be entered into the file of this application before examination thereof.

A petition to extend the time for responding by three months to, and including, September 22, 2006, with fee authorization, is submitted herewith.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 7 of this paper.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with the amendments made herein. Should any fees be required, however, please charge such fees to Fennemore Craig, PC Deposit Account No. **060590**.